

Mayissyan secondary school fifth grade students participated in a remembrance event devoted to Ashot Hakobyan, who was killed in the Karabakh war. This class was renamed after Ashot Hakobyan and on April 21 they visited the monument devoted to victims of the war and with poems, demonstrated the importance remembering their heroes.

The same day Internet Computer Center teachers together with students of the school presented the PPT devoted to Armenian Olympic athletes. They used Internet and found a lot of interesting information about Olympic Champions who are Armenian. At the end of the event, students decided to conduct this presentation to all students of their school.

The region of Armavir brought together 250 community members, 285 students and 70 teachers.

The region of Ararat

Many volunteering events took place in Ararat region on April 20-22 during the Global Youth Service Day (GYSD) - tree plantings, cleaning events of ICCs and school territories, a seminar devoted to environmental protection in Ayntap secondary school #2, “Ararat” bilingual web site presentation, and cleaning of Artashat lake’s territory..

On April 18, there took place the presentation of “Ararat” bilingual web site in Artashat secondary school #4. The design of the site was done by Kanachut village school Internet computer center (ICC) staff Elmira Galstyan. All the materials of the site were gathered and edited by 11 ASCP schools and from 29 from Ararat region. Those schools are: Artashat #4, Ghukasavan, Shahumyan, Pokr Vedi, Ayntap #1, Ararat #1, Masis #1, Azatavan, Kakhtsrashen, Kanachut and Verin Dvin secondary schools. The web site is bilingual and contains the following parts: historical background, historical capitals, Ararat as a region, towns of Ararat, agriculture, famous people and national minorities. Each part consists of subparts and contains detailed information about each part and subpart. The web site presentation was illustrated by local media: ”Anna” TV, “Rafnas” cable TV and an article was published in “Artashat” newspaper.



School students participated in tree planting in Ararat region

On April 21 there took place a seminar training in Ayntap secondary school #2 named “Let’s Keep Our Planet.” Lecturers and students of the ecology faculty of Yerevan State University and Pedagogic Institute were present at the seminar. The seminar was lead by the school biology teacher, Tigran Babakhanyan. The seminar was accompanied by a power point presentation and referred to the following topics: ozone holes, greenhouse effects, pollutions, acid rains, deforestations

and other ecological disasters. Statistics of the past 50 years concerning the above-mentioned were also introduced. The school Peace Corps Volunteer, Alison Tarr, organized a photo contest among the schoolchildren called: *“That is Our Nature.”* The guests should choose the 5 best photos, which later would participate at the contest’s republic phase. As a result, there should take place exhibitions, and the first exhibition will take place in Ayntap secondary school #2.

The cleaning of Artashat lake territory has been implemented by schoolchildren of Artashat secondary school #2. They cleaned the nearby territory of the lake, put signs *“don’t pollute”* and installed rubbish boxes.

Nearly 300 students from all ASCP 29 schools of Ararat participated at GYSD events. Trees have been planted in 100 schools (nearly 100 trees) and more than 100 volunteers participated in events.

A total of 700 students, volunteers and guests have participated at GYSD Ararat events.

Region of Syunik

All 34 Internet Computer Centers of Syunik region participated in the community services organized within the framework of GYSD 2007. With the support of students, teachers and community members several activities were conducted in the ICCs: the



School students participated in cleaning of “Karen Demirchayn” park in Sisian

school inventory renovated (broken desks, bookcases and windows); the students and teachers were involved in cleaning works of the ICCs’ equipment. The flower soil in the school classrooms was refreshed. The floor and windows were cleaned. All of the school gardens and playgrounds were also cleaned.

Tree planting and cleaning was done in “Karen Demirchyan” park in Sisian. The students were very glad to give one day in their own lives to nature doing good work. They were sure that their efforts would bring good results.

Overall, within the framework of GYSD 2007 in Syunik region, about 600 students led by teachers and the ICC staff took part in community services (trees were planted, plants cultivated, old materials were renewed in the schools).

Region of Tavush

Series of GYSD events were filled up by the initiatives in Dilijan #4 secondary school of Tavush region. On April 19 the students of 8th, 9th and 10th grades first cleaned the school yard and prepared it for planting trees. In recognition of GYSD, the local forestry donated

to the school 20 small spruces, which are currently planted in front of the school. The initiative united not only the students of different grades, but also their parents, teachers and school administration. The next day the majority of participants were involved in the cleaning of the school itself, the ICC and preparing it for the upcoming Open Door Day, which was again planned to be a part of the event.

The total number of GYSD participants was 120 people.



Dilijan school students participated in cleaning works

Region of Vayots Dzor

Following the tradition of participating in GYSD, the schools of Vayots Dzor region actively participated in GYSD celebrations.

With the participation of 9th and 10th grade pupils, flower planting activities have been organized in the Yeghegnadzor school # 3 surrounding. About 50 pupils, 5 teachers and 2 Peace Corps representatives have been involved in the tree planting activities.

Students of the 5th to 10th grades of Vayk secondary school # 2 visited the memorial for the Unknown Soldier of Vayk, did cleaning activities and planted trees in the surrounding of the memorial. About 80 pupils, 10 teachers took part in the event. The plants were provided by the local municipality.



Students of Vayots Dzor are cleaning school surrounding

Sixty pupils from the 8-10th grades of Arpi village secondary school visited a little church Jrovank, which is placed in the territory of Arpi village and organized cleaning of the church and surrounding area. The local municipality covered transportation expenses.

Students took part in cleaning and renovating the Aghavnadzor village secondary school. With the support of local municipality, students received plants and organized tree planting and cleaning works there. Almost 75 pupils and 5 teachers took part in the event.

Cleaning activities in the school surrounding area have been organized by Vayk secondary school # 1. Fifth through eighth grade 80 students, 20 students from Youth creative center, 2 Peace Corps volunteers and 10 school teachers participated in the cleaning works.

The overall number of participants in this region reached 400 people.

Region of Kotayk

In the region of Kotayk, all 26 ASCP network schools were engaged in Global Youth Service Day by implementing different events. “Open doors” activities and ICC cleaning works were conducted in all schools.

About 250-300 community members participated in open doors activities, where they had an opportunity to learn about and use ICC services. As an annual tradition in several schools’ kindergarten, kids’ visit was organized to ICCs.

About 800 students, teachers and community members participated in the cleaning works of the schools’ surrounding areas and Internet computer centers.

The GYSD overall participation included 1,100 volunteers.

Region of Lori

The following events have been implemented in Lori region during Global Youth Service Day.



Students from Vanadzor School # 1 visiting Elderly House

On April 21, 25 eighth and ninth grade students led by 3 school teachers visited Vanadzor Elderly House. The aim of the visit was to make the elderly people’s day more interesting and different. During their visit, the students presented a performance on Shirvanzadeh’s work - “For Honor,” which was followed by poems recitation, singing and dancing. The children had also prepared and brought some dessert for the house inhabitants.

Among the participants of the event was also the “Crossed Way” local NGO base in Lori region. The entire event was

recorded and broadcast by “Lori,” a local Vanadzor-based TV station.

On April 21, in Stepanavan School #3, an event entitled “**Let’s Decorate our School**” was led by the Student Council. The aim of the event was to clean, decorate the school inside and surroundings, which would develop a sense of volunteerism in the students. Because of bad weather, which hindered tree planting and cleaning of the school surrounding area, the event took place only inside the school building. Almost all of the seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth grade students participated in cleaning activities of the rooms, ICC, and in flower planting, putting much enthusiasm in their work. This activity was followed by cultural performances (singing dancing, comics, etc.), which was presented to the school staff and some community members.

In Lori, region cleaning activities were organized in other 7 schools and open door activities in 3 schools. The total number of participants was about 200 people.

Region of Aragatsotn

In some schools of Aragatsotn region, “Open doors” activities were announced and several schools participated in tree planting and cleaning works.

The pupils of the seventh form in Oshakan Secondary school started their activities from the cleaning of nearby school area. Then they organized a tree planting. A dozen apple and apricot trees were planted, after which the teacher of ecology had an open lesson of ecology at the ICC for the participants. Bringing to the ICC one of the plants she explained to the children the importance of tree planting for ecology and the possible negative effects on it. Schoolchildren discussed different activities, which will be implemented by them till the end of class year and a schedule was arranged to implement them.



“Lori” TV representative interviewing elderly people about their impressions of students’ visit



Oshakan school students at the ecology class

Students of the 5,6, and 7th grades of Karbi village secondary school took part in the GYSD 2007. They started from the tree planting at the schoolyard. As the village of Karbi is known for the cultivation of apples, apricots and cherries, the children brought different sorts of plants of these fruit trees. They planted them in the schoolyard. Then the participants went to the village church, where they cleaned the church-yard and the surrounding area, gathered the garbage away from ancient cross- stones.

Overall, about 150 school students and teachers in Aragatsotn marz participated in GYSD 2007.

Region of Shirak

Within the GYSD project, the following events were held at 34 schools in the region of Shirak.

On April 19 16 Gyumri #21 nursery children visited the ICC at Gyumri #31. Children prepared poems and songs about spring and motherhood. They painted spring, a PPT event was held entitled “Our school.”

“Open doors” and free Internet services for the community members were held at 20 schools in the Shirak region. Twenty-five medical workers of Samaritel Hospital and Italian Policlinics, as well as 23 representatives of Sakharov Foundation, Araks Psychological Center and Chess Federation NGOs, 10 former teachers and 13 unemployed from “Social Help Center” used ICC free services during open doors activities. About 620 8-10th grade students of all 34 schools in ASCP network of Shirak region also participated in cleaning works in the ICCs and tree planting near the schools’ surrounding areas.

Shirak TV and Tsayg TV broadcasted several events in the schools within GYSD 2007..

The number of participants reached 720.

Region of Gegharkunik



Students in Gegharkunik regions participate in cleaning of the school surrounding area.

In spite of the rainy weather, the planned activities of Global Youth Service Day celebration took place in Gegharkunik region. In the school surroundings of Zolakar # 2, Tretuk, Sevan # 7, Chambarak # 2, Martuni # 1, # 2 and Gavar # 2, # 8, # 9 with the help of students and teachers cleaning works and tree planting activities were implemented. Almost all the students participated in these activities. Armen – a 9th grade student from Zolakar school # 2 said: “ Every year planting a single tree will make our garden nicer and nicer. And even after leaving the school every time when we’d pass by we would feel proud of it.”

The ICC staff of Sevan Sec. School # 7 decided to present to community members and Sevan College students the web site “Historical Monuments of Gegharkunik” – created as the final result of the ASCP small grant project. The attendees were very excited. They expressed their gratitude to the ICC staff telling that this virtual tour helped them to wander through the wonderful historical places one more time and value the beauty surrounding them.

At the ICCs of Vaghashen and Gavar Sec. Schools # 3, open door activities were organized. A film show was organized at the ICC of Gavar Sec. School # 5 for students of Gavar State University during which also the services provided by the ICC were presented. The students of Sec. School # 9 did repair works at the school playground. One of the students pointed out that they would try to be more careful from now on in order not to break anything anymore.

A total of approximately 600 students, teachers and community members in Gegharkunik participated in GYSD 2007 activities.

Yerevan

Almost all sixty-nine schools in Yerevan participated in GYSD 2007. Teachers, 4-10 grade students and community members were involved in different projects.

This year the events included tree planting, open doors days of Internet Computer Centers, visits to orphanages and elderly houses, cleaning of neighborhood and surrounding areas of schools, organizing discussions and activities on diverse topics such as “Environment protection,” and “Global Warming.” Thousands of students, teachers and community members took part in the events.



Cleaning of the school surrounding in Shirak region

Yerevan Secondary School #154 took part in “Tree Planting” project. The students and teachers of the school together with the students from neighboring *Yerevan Secondary School # 49* visited the greenhouses in Karin village of Ashtarak region. They learned the formation and the care of the plants. The next day they cleaned the school and its surroundings.

“*Mkhitar Sebastatsi*” *Yerevan Educational Complex* implemented different events within GYSD 2007: during winter the students grew seedlings of flowers and vegetables, which they planted in the school surrounding area.

Yerevan Secondary School #65 after A. Leo participated in an International project “Volvo Environment.” In the frames of this project, they implemented seminar trainings “Wastes”, Recycles of Wastes;” organized the collection and submission of paper recycle- about 100 kgs. School students planted trees with the “Bird-Lovers Union” in the area of Biology Institute.



Yerevan school students participate in tree planting

Yerevan Secondary School #6 after H. Karapents and *Yerevan Secondary School #129 after H.Bzhshkyants* were involved in “Let’s Save the Environment” project, within the framework of which a group of teachers and students conducted seminar-training for the students and the community members. Posters and booklets were prepared in the Internet Computer Center and distributed to community. Later the participants planted trees and cleaned the surroundings of the

schools.

Yerevan Secondary School #53 after A.Khandjyan participated in tree planting in the park of the Opera House in Yerevan and then visited Yerevan Special School #18.

Yerevan Secondary School #43 after G. Zohrap implemented a project “Good Will” with 4-9th grade students. In the frames of the project the students planted trees in the school yard and the community - in the park, around the cinema; cleaned the school and its surroundings from litter; visited to an elderly-house and an orphanage; organized open doors for parents.

About 2,500 students and teachers participated in GYSD events in Yerevan.